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Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

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Something to Hollar About

War makes monkeys out of essayists as well as other men of logical mind and settled habits. Looking over the current issue of Imperial Type Metal magazine I find that Editor William Feather, searching for something to complain about, wrote the following:

Battles Indicate Start of Nazi Sub Campaign

Washington, March 18 — (AP) — Running battles between submarine packs and convoy ships indicated today that Germany has launched her expected mass U-boat campaign against Allied shipping in the North Atlantic.

From both sides of the ocean came reports of furious clashes with these results:

1. At least three U-boats were sunk and many others probably damaged by Allied escort vessels and the RAF during a 72-hour battle last month. The British admiral's announcement, made in London, said the convoy "did not escape without loss" but gave no details in this connection.

2. The Coast Guard cutter Campbell rammed, shelled and sank one big enemy submarine and depth-bombed five others in a furious fight with an undersea wolf pack about three weeks ago. The Navy said the Campbell was damaged but she reached port with the aid of other vessels.

News of the battles, which apparently were separate actions, came 24 hours after a joint announcement by London, Ottawa and Washington that a master plan had been worked out to combat U-boat warfare. The Germans have been expected to turn loose the full fury of their undersea raiders in a desperate effort to choke off American supplies for an European invasion.

The Campbell's feat was the most dramatic account of anti-submarine warfare yet released by the Navy. Heretofore, with the exception of a few laconic announcements, the Navy has preserved silence on the grim struggle out in the Atlantic.

The 2,000-ton Campbell drove four submarines below the surface by running full tilt at them and helped a corvette engage another U-boat, with inconclusive results, before she sighted her sixth target.

"Steering a collision course for the Nazi sub," the Navy related, "the cutter bore down upon it and continued on its path until the U-boat was so close that the Campbell's gun fire had to be discontinued. The enemy sub was dealt a glancing blow by the cutter."

As the sub drifted free of the cutter following the collision, the cutter's guns resumed firing, and got off several rounds at point-blank range. The Campbell's officers could see the sub shudder from the impact of the exploding shells.

They then watched the big submarine slowly settle and sink stern first.

Commander James A. Hirschfeld, 40, of San Antonio, Tex., was the only one aboard the cutter who was wounded. He was hit by a piece of flying metal but continued to direct his ship.

The collision left the cutter with a 12-foot rip in her side below the water line but she was towed to an east coast port for repairs.

British, American and Fighting French escort ships and RAF Liberators and Sunderlands took part in the battle announced by London.

The first U-boat destroyed was sighted by the former American destroyer Beverly, which forged it to drive. The British destroyer Viny then blasted it back to the surface with depth charges and both destroyers opened fire, sinking it.

Forty-nine of the U-boats' crew were rescued from the water. Four of them died later.

The Beverly, with 40 of the German prisoners below deck, chased and engaged five other U-boats during the battle that continued the following two days and nights.

Other escort ships helping repulse repeated attacks by the submarine pack were the U. S. destroyer Babbitt, the Fighting French corvette Lohelia and the British corvette HMS Mignonette, Abelia and Campanula.

The admiral called it "one of the greatest battles of the winter between Naval escorts of a convoy and U-boats."

Panama has an area of 34,000 square miles, slightly larger than the state of Maine.

Patterson Asks Passage of Bill to Draft Labor

—Washington

Washington, March 18 — (AP) — Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson appealed today for prompt enactment of a civilian service draft law to "mitigate the loss of life on the fighting front" and permit "a more equitable distribution of burdens" at home.

Adoption of the Austin-Wadsworth bill to draft men and women into war production jobs, he told the Senate Military Committee, will be "bad news in Berlin and Tokyo" and good news to our Allies.

Describing the war as "a fight for existence which is far from won," Patterson said the United States is the only one of the principal belligerents without a system of universal war service.

"If it is Democratic to tap a man on the shoulder and send him to fight the Japs in a New Guinea jungle," he asked, "can it be undemocratic to select a man or a woman to load shells, work on an airplane or stay on a farm?"

Patterson added he believed the Democratic way is to "recognize the equality in obligation of all to serve on the firing line or in the shop or on the farm in the way that will best serve the nation."

"It should not be possible," he emphasized, "for some to say, 'I do not choose to serve.' He continued:

"I firmly believe that not until there is imposed on every man and woman the equal obligation to render service in the war effort, will this country make the all-out war effort which is necessary and of which we are capable."

Broad revision of legislation to draft civilians for war industry appeared imminent today to assure more women workers in the older age group and also to soothe opposition of organized labor.

As congressional efforts to deal with growing manpower problems sent to the House a Senate-approved bill deferring essential farm workers from being drafted, sponsors of the Austin-Wadsworth national service proposal indicated a general overhauling is in prospect.

Meanwhile talk of limiting the size of the armed forces was renewed by Senator Nye (R-ND).

"The War Department is attempting to raise an Army of more than 3,000,000 including the Army Air Force, but I personally believe a figure of around 5,000,000 men would be ample to do the job," Nye said, adding that no definite figure had yet been agreed upon nor the particular from the proposed legislation would take.

"It is a case of efficient use of manpower," Nye continued. "My own thought is that, if we have an eventual army of 3,000,000 men overseas, we should not need more than 2,000,000 additional in training in this country for replacement purposes."

Tuesday was the second successive day of multiple raids on Kiska, six heavy attacks having been previously reported for Monday.

Navy communiqué, number 316: "North Pacific:

"On March 18th United States Army aircraft carried out the following attacks on Japanese installations and aircraft at Kiska:

"(A) During the morning, Liberators heavy bombers (Consolidated B-24) and Mitchell medium bombers (North American B-25) supported by Lightning Fighters (Lockheed P-38) bombed the main camp area and the submarine base. Hits were observed in both target areas.

"(B) During the early afternoon, eight Lightnings engaged eight enemy planes in the vicinity of Kiska. Two of the enemy planes were shot down and an additional two were probably destroyed.

"(C) Later in the afternoon, Liberators again attacked the enemy submarine base and other installations. A large fire was started in the camp area.

"(D) Still later in the afternoon, a group of Mitchells again attacked and scored bomb hits on the submarine base.

"(South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude.)

"2. During the night of March 16th-17th, Liberators heavy bombers carried out minor attacks on Japanese positions at Munda and Vila in the central Solomons and at Kahili and Ballale in the Shortland Island area. Results were not observed."

Quachita Memorial

Arkadelphia, March 18 — (AP) — A memorial will be established at Quachita College to the late Mrs. Fannie B. Wilson of Monticello who left approximately \$28,000 to the institution. President J. R. Grant said the college trustees would determine what the memorial would be.

U. S. automotive plants engaged in war production number 906.

Pitch was an early term for asphalt, the solid form of oil.

Today's War Map



Today's war map pictures the Russian drives on Smolensk and the area retaken by the Germans in the south portion of Russia.

Big Tank Fight As Reds Hold Nazis in Donets

—Europe

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, March 18 — (AP) — A titanic tank struggle, with a German air umbrella of Junkers dive bombers met by hurrying Soviet Stormoviks trying to knock out the German armor, was being waged today in the northern Donets river valley, but the Russians reported their lines refused to give before the masses of tanks hurled against them.

The German high command, in a communiqué broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press, said the Germans were on the offensive throughout the sector from Kharkov to Kursk, inflicting "extremely heavy losses" on the Russians.

"Enemy forces encircled south-east of Kharkov have been annihilated with the exception of small remnants," it said. "Soviet relief attempts were frustrated with heavy losses for the enemy."

"South of Orel, midway between Kharkov and Moscow, the Germans said the Russians yesterday 'renewed their attack on a wide front' in several waves which 'collapsing with heavy losses for the enemy.' It claimed 116 Soviet tanks were destroyed.

(Northwest of Moscow, south of the Donets river, the Russians were reported to have stormed German positions again but the communiqué said, the attacks were in vain.)

Far northwest of Kharkov, in the area west of Sevsk, and along a battle line east of Kharkov and extending down into the Donets basin the Germans were said to be concentrating their reserves and tanks against a narrow sector, striving violently to break through toward cities and towns still held by the Russians.

On the central battlefield, the Russians were reported swooping down upon scores of settlements south of Bely and were said to be shaping a wide attack on a stretch of the Vyazma-Smolensk railway in the drive to fashion a pincer about the key base at Smolensk. Much of the fighting was said to be west of the Dnieper river headwaters.

On the northwestern front Marshal Timoshenko's men continued their offensive directed at Staraya Russa, Soviet advisers said.

(The Berlin radio, in a broadcast heard in London by Reuters, said Russian tanks, infantry and airborne troops had launched an encircling attack on Staraya Russa and had 'made one small breach in the German line.')

Adkins Pays Debt to Gov. Sam Jones

Little Rock, March 18 — (AP) — Gov. Sam H. Jones of Louisiana may be a little hard put to find a use for it in Baton Rouge but he is going to get 10 pounds of Arkansas bauxite ore.

He wagered Gov. Homer M. Adkins of Louisiana 10 pounds of Louisiana sulphur against the bauxite that his state would outstrip Arkansas in scrap metal collections in 1942. Adkins accepted when Jones threw in enough blackstrap molasses to mix the well-known southern spring tonic.

Louisiana collected 109.6 per cent of its scrap quota, Arkansas 61.3 per cent and Adkins is preparing to send the bauxite to Baton Rouge. Adkins said he would also send all other southern governors paperweights made from the ore.

Bauxite is the mineral from which alumina — principal ingredient of aluminum — is refined.

WAAC Graduates

Little Rock, March 18 — (AP) — Three Arkansas graduates of the sixth WAAC officer class at Fort Des Moines, Ia., have been commissioned lieutenants. They included Pauline May Upshaw, of Huntington, WAAC recruiting head- quarters here announced.

Lt. Gen. Patton New U. S. Chief in Tunisia Area

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, March 18 — (AP) — Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, 57-year-old offensive-minded American armored force specialist, succeeded Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall as commander of United States troops on the Western Tunisian front, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced formally today.

Dispatches from the front said the change became known generally there yesterday and indicated it had taken place earlier, after Field Marshal Rommel's February offensive through Kasserine (pass.)

General Patton, called "Blood and Guts" as one of the most offensive-minded generals of the army, is regarded here as the outstanding American armored force executive since the death of Maj. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee in August, 1941.

(This dispatch did not bring out immediately the new assignment of General Fredendall who was in command of American troops in mid-February and the subsequent Allied counter-offensive.)

General Patton, who commanded American forces in the Moroccan landing when Africa was invaded, is colorful in speech and action. Before the Moroccan landing, his order of the day read:

"We shall attack and attack until we are exhausted and then we shall attack again."

Patton has been quoted as saying of his expressed desire to meet German Field Marshal Rommel in individual tank combat:

"The two armies could watch. I'd be in one tank, Rommel in another. I'd shoot at him; he'd shoot at me. If I killed him, I'd be champ. If he killed me, well, he won't."

Patton served in the Mexican war and in a period of the World War as an aide to General Pershing. His early experiences in tank warfare caused him to be entrusted later with the task of training an American tank corps in the California desert for the current African fighting.

He believes in leading men personally into battle and keeps two tanks with him always for his own personal use.

Enlisted men of his tank divisions worship him. He is noted for his violent, bloody speeches.

Patton, nominated as a lieutenant a week ago today by President Roosevelt, is a veteran of 30 years in the Army.

He served as aide to General Pershing on the Mexican expedition prior to World War I and was in charge of the headquarters outfit of the first AEF ship to Europe in that conflict.

He won the Distinguished Service Medal for forming and leading the First American tank unit into battle in France and earlier this year received the Oak Leaves decoration to that award from General Eisenhower for his work in the North African campaign.

Poisoning Kills Three Negroes, 3 Others Ill

Cummins Prison Farm, March 18 — (AP) — Fingerprints taken when he applied for a war job brought Will Hall, 58-year-old Negro convict back to the state penitentiary today after 54 years of freedom.

Supt. Tom Cogbill returned the Negro to the prison from Greenville, Miss., where he was arrested. The FBI discovered that Hall's fingerprints jibed with those of an Arkansas convict who, escaped from the state prison 24 years ago.

Records showed that Hall was sent up for four years from Monroe county on a grand larceny charge. He had served two years of his time when he escaped.

Negro Slayer to Die Tomorrow

Little Rock, March 18 — (AP) — The governor's office announced today that Adolph Thomas, 40-year-old Columbia county Negro, will be executed as scheduled tomorrow morning.

Thomas has received three stays from Governor Adkins since Dec. 18 was originally set for his death. He was sentenced to the electric chair for slaying another Negro.

After the first stay of execution, Thomas was examined at the State hospital and declared sane.

Ancient Persian kings slept in rooms air-conditioned with ice.

Encounter Little Trouble in 30 Mile Advance

—Africa

Beverage Tax to Be Split on Priority Basis

Little Rock, March 18 — (AP) — Comptroller J. Bryan Sims announced today that henceforth the revenue from alcohol beverage taxes would be distributed on a strict priority basis in view of the declining taxes and failure of the 1943 legislature to provide for monthly distributions.

The effect will be that departments or functions on the fall end of the priority list set up by the 1941 Baker-Lovett tax law will receive no funds if revenues fall off substantially.

Sims said that while the monthly distribution clause was left off the Baker-Lovett law by error, the revenue department had been distributing the orpytopoil nertaxate revenue department had been distributing the tax proportionately each month to about 18 participants because revenues were more than sufficient to meet all primary requirements.

The change in distribution will have no effect this fiscal year ending June 30 since revenues already have gone over the \$2,316,355 mark. But Sims predicted revenues during 1943-44 would be down substantially in view of limited liquor stocks.

Motorists in East to Get More Gasoline

Washington, March 18 — (AP) — Starting Monday, eastern motorists can drive for fun again, as far as their gasoline will take them — but for the luckless "A" bookholders, at least, that won't be very far.

And what gas they get may cost them more.

Dealer pleas for price increases, driver pleas for more coupons and official pleas for revival of car-sharing plans chorused today in the wake of yesterday's Office of Price Administration order cutting the "A" bookholder's weekly ration roughly from about 3 to 12 gallons and lifting the pleasure driving ban.

The same day the order — applying only to the east coast — is effective, a group of independent retail gasoline dealers from eastern cities is expected to ask OPA for an increase in the price ceiling. A spokesman for the Washington dealers said he planned to call them together, adding that the curtailed ration would trim sales volume further and force many small dealers out of business unless the margin increased.

Some speculation was aroused by the wording of the OPA announcement which said merely instead of would. If the coupons must last the entire four months — as the order was generally interpreted — it would effect a 50 per cent slash in the "A" bookholder's ration.

However, the OPA announcement set no specific expiration date for the coupons, giving rise to conjecture as to whether officials expected the supply situation to ease somewhat within the four months.

However, in the absence of any official statement to that effect, immediate run on ration boards for supplementary coupons was predicted. Attention was called to a previous estimate that some 40 per cent of industrial workers who motor to their jobs hold only "A" books — which indicated some 2,000,000 of them probably would be in line for supplementary rations. In this regard, OPA said "A" bookholders who drive to work will be allowed the extra coupons shortly under revised regulations.

Two Small Children Burn to Death

Hazen, March 18 — (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams' two children, Billy, four, and Bobby, two, burned to death late yesterday when fire destroyed the family's barn on the FSA project at Biscoe. Officers theorized the youngsters were playing with matches in the barn.

Italian troops seized Libya in 1911.

By WES GALLAGHER

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, March 18 — (AP) — United States troops led by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, newly named commander of American forces on the Tunisian front, have recaptured Gafsa after a 30-mile drive and pressed on beyond that rail city and air base toward the Gabes bottleneck, it was announced today.

Only a few hours were required for reoccupation of the town which had been abandoned by Allied troops in the face of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's abortive mid-February offensive.

A communiqué said little opposition was encountered and U. S. Patrols, assisted by Mobile French units and guarded by Allied aerial squadrons, drove after the retreating Germans into the area of El-Guetaf, 12 miles to the southeast.

Gafsa lies 85 miles northwest of Gabes, a major supply port for Marshal Rommel's forces in the Mareth line zone, and restores the Allied threat to his rear.

The appointment of General Patton, 57-year-old tank specialist, to succeed Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall as U. S. commander became known at the front only yesterday and was formally announced today.

Accompanying the disclosure of the Gafsa drive were reports of improvement in the British Eighth Army's positions Tuesday night and yesterday in the northern sector of the Mareth line front.

There was no official confirmation of a German radio report that the Eighth Army had launched an offensive.

Under the protecting cover of American Mitchells, Spitfires and Airacobras, American troops entered Gafsa at 12:30 p.m., yesterday. Immediately after occupying the city, General Patton's troops pushed southward some six miles to the Djebel Rehariz and the village of Lalla and continued on toward El Guetaf. Airmen wrought heavy damage on the retreating German columns.

The advance placed us on the most offensive-minded generals in the United States Army and revenge-seeking Americans troops and armored units which were described here as "a strong force" less than 65 miles from the eastern tip of the vast salt marshes that channel Rommel's communications along the coastal plains.

Road demolitions and elaborate mine fields slowed the pursuers.

Field dispatches disclosed the first U. S. Infantry Division was in action on this front. Simultaneously came official word that the First Armored Division and the 34th Infantry Division were also operating in the area, although they did not take part in the recapture of Gafsa.

United States Mitchell bombers which took off at dawn laid down a barrage of explosives on Axis positions.

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Fulbright Is Pleased Over Post-War Bill

Washington, March 18 — (AP) — Representative Fulbright (D-Ark.) in an interview this week said he was "delighted" over the introduction in the Senate of a resolution calling for a post-war international organization to keep the peace.

Fulbright called the resolution "tremendously significant" and said:

"Next winning the war, I think the formation of a post-war international political organization is the most difficult and important problem facing, not only this country, but all civilized peoples."

The resolution is sponsored by Senators Hill (D-Ala.), Hatch (D-NM), Burton (R-Ohio) and Ball (R-Minn.).

Fulbright commented on the fact that the Senate passed the lend-lease extension bill unanimously, and the House passed it 407 to 6. Of the six who opposed it in the House, Fulbright continued, three were from Ohio and three from Michigan.

"The 'creative war' speech that Fulbright made in New York on Feb. 27 was reprinted in full in the congressional record this week at the request of the Democratic leader of the House, Mc-Cormack of Massachusetts.

All-Important Battle for Tunisia Appears at Hand

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment
Written Today and
Moved by Telegraph
or Cable.

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
If Berlin has read the writing on the wall correctly we may be at the climax of one of the most important military operations of the whole war — the final Tunisian offensive to drive the Axis from Northern Africa and thus regain control of the Mediterranean.

This would mean a coordinated effort by all the Allied forces — British, French and American — from one end of Tunisia to the other. We are out for a quick kill, because victory here is the key to overall developments, including invasion of western Europe, and perhaps a blow at Italy.

We even are reminded by Turkish Premier Saracoglu's pro-Allied speech before the national assembly yesterday that freeing of the Mediterranean might bring the Turks "on our side, if we need them." In any event, we do know that he who controls the Mediterranean wins this war.

The Germans say that General Montgomery and his British Eighth army have opened the show in the south by striking at the coasthead of the powerful Mareth line of fortifications. It wouldn't be surprising to see him among the first to come into action, for these defenses represent the major obstacle to be overcome.

American troops are in action already, and have reported their capture of Gafsa, in central Tunisia. This place was evacuated by American and French units on February 16.

The Nazi statement that Montgomery has struck at one end of the Mareth line is surprising, since it is so strong that it would be logical for him to try a flanking movement. The terrain is such, however, that even a flank attack presents great difficulties.

Here we have all the elements of a fierce and dramatic final duel between two of the outstanding personalities of the war, Montgomery and Rommel both rank among the greatest tacticians of their time. I dare say that not a little of their tactical success has been due to the fact that both of them direct battle operations from the scene of the engagement, rather than from headquarters in the rear. This enables them to make quick changes in tactics if necessity or opportunity arises.

Marshall Rommel is the only German in this war for whom I have heard Allied officers express admiration both as a soldier and a good sport. Montgomery admires his favorite enemy, for the outspoken British commander told me not long ago that he regarded Rommel as a great soldier. You can bet that Rommel reciprocates this feeling.

However, while there is this mutual respect, each knows that the other is out for blood. Both are as hard as nails, and ruthless in striving for annihilation. They recog-

nize that the only way to win decisive victories is to kill men on the battlefield.

The Mareth line is a fitting stage setting for this great showdown, though it gives Rommel a temporary advantage because of its strength. They call it the "Magnet line of the desert," because it is built of reinforced concrete on the same principle as the Magnet line.

The line lies seventy-five miles from the Italian Libyan frontier and cuts across the road from Tunisia to Libya just below the Mareth oasis near the Tunisian coast. The fortifications are some ten miles deep. There are concrete redoubts of varying sizes, interspersed with tank traps, and back of these is a concrete line. The difficulty of breaking through this is increased by the fact that mountains have been incorporated into the defenses.

The name "Magnet" may not be much of a recommendation in view of what happened to the line in France. However, it should be noted that the Germans beat the French fortifications, not by a frontal assault but by a flanking operation. French Premier Daladier inspected Tunisia's "Magnet line of the desert" in January of 1939, just before the war, and he called it strong enough to resist any attack.

"Tunisia is safe," he declared. That was about the time that France and Britain decided to abandon appeasement of the Axis. Not so long afterward the "impenetrable" Magnet line — one of the wonders of the world — was in the hands of the Germans.

Encounter

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troops as Patton's armored and infantry detachments forged south from the previously recaptured Fariana sector.

They started large fires and, almost with the initial attack, the Germans and Italians started to withdraw, leaving the area closely packed with mines and booby traps. The aerial bombardment was pulverizing.

Low flying Spitfires and Airacobras shuttled back and forth over the retreating forces, raking them with cannon and machine gun fire. Trucks were set aflame. A gasoline carrier was exploded, showering the road with fire and metal.

Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's rested Eighth Army men bettered their holdings before the Mareth line.

Reports of the Mareth line fighting were meager, but it appeared that Rommel has two of the toughest and roughest generals of the American and British armies smashing at him now.

(A dispatch from Cairo, the site of British Middle East headquarters, said: "Authoritative reports about activities in the Mareth area yesterday show no more than the usual patrolling. There is nothing to substantiate Axis reports of a large scale attack.")

(The Gafsa operation essentially restored the central Tunisian front to the situation of six weeks ago and brought up the possibility that the Axis would seek to maintain its old positions on a line from Faid Pass southward through the zones of Maknassy and Sened to the Chott Djerid.)

The bulletin declared Allied positions were improved in the northern sector of the Mareth line front "both during the nights of March 16 and 17 and during yesterday."

(This was the first authoritative Allied statement which would tend to bear out German radio reports that Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army had begun a four-division push against Marshal Erwin Rommel's lines in that region.)

(The German high command declared in a communique broadcast from Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press that "strong enemy infantry attacks against the south Tunisian front were repulsed with heavy losses inflicted on the enemy." Strong German air formations participated in the fighting, it said.)

(In local fighting, German and Italian troops took prisoners, the Berlin bulletin said. A Rome broadcast communique, recorded by the Associated Press, said these totaled about 100. German fighters were said to have shot down five Allied planes, including four torpedo craft encountered over the Mediterranean.)

French War Council in North Africa



These are the men who guide the military and political destinies of French Africa. NEA Artist Ed Gunder's conception of a meeting of the new war committee shows Gen. Henri Giraud, as commander-in-chief for military and civil affairs, at the head of the table. Seated, left to right, are Marcel Peyrouton, governor-general of Algeria; Jean Berenger, secretary-general to the commander; Gen. Auguste Nogues, governor-general of Morocco; and Pierre Boisson, governor-general of West Africa.

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., March 18 — (U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, 9,500; market 10 to 20 lower than average Wednesday; bulk good and choice 180-200 lbs. 15.25-35; practical top 15.35; few lots early at 15.40; 160-170 lbs. 14.40 - 5; 140-160 lbs. 13.90-14.50; 100 - 130 lbs. 12.90 - 13.75; sows 14.85-15.10; few at 15.15; stags 15.25 own; quotations based on hard hogs.

Cattle, 3,000; calves, 1,000; light supply of steers finding moderate activity inquiring but little done; odd lots medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings 13.50 - 15.00; common and medium cows 11.00-13.00; slow on kinds eligible to sell at 12.00 and above; medium and good sausage bulls 12.75 - 14.25; top 25 higher at 14.50; good and choice vealers 16.75; medium and good 14.25 and 15.30; nominal range slaughter steers 12.00 - 17.00; slaughter heifers 10.75-16.00; stocker and feeder steers 10.50 - 15.00.

Sheep, 1,200; earlier receipts included around 400 head trucked in; several loads reported back; early sales steady; good and choice woolled lambs in small lots to city butchers 16.00-75; medium and good 14.00-15.50; few lots medium and good clipped lambs No. 1 skins and fall clipped 14.25-15.00; most woolled ewes 8.60 and down.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
Chicago, March 18 — (AP) — Grains marked time today as traders awaited Washington developments. With activity at a low level early gains in all pits were erased when weakness developed in rye on small but persistent selling from houses with eastern connections.

Wheat closed 1 - 8 - 3-8 lower, May \$1.45 1-4 - 3-8, July \$1.45 7-8 - \$1.46; corn was unchanged at 100c, May \$1.01, oats were unchanged to 1-8 lower and rye dropped 3-4-1 cent.

Cash wheat no sales.
Corn No. 1 mixed 1.01; No. 2 yellow 1.02; No. 3, 99 - 101 1-2; No. 4, 94 1-4 - 1.01; sample grade yellow 77 - 1.00.

Oats No. 2 white 65 1-2 - 66; sample grade white 62 4-4.
Barley, malting 90 1.06 nom.; feed 79 - 90 nom.
Soybeans sample grade yellow 1.58 1-4 - 1.60 3-4.

NEW YORK STOCKS
New York, March 18 — (AP) — Specialized recovery elements were present in today's stock market although many leaders continued to flounder in minus territory.

Prices slipped after the start without real weakness appearing in any group. Sluggishness was the rule from then on. Trends firmed here and there in the final hour but the direction remained notably

foggy near the close. Transfers of around 700,000 shares were among the smallest for a full session this year.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE
Chicago, March 18 — (AP) — Poultry live: 5 trucks; firm; market unchanged.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, March 18 — (AP) — Farm legislation uncertainties kept interest in cotton futures at a low ebb today with prices responding to small orders either way.

Late afternoon values were unchanged to 25 cents a bale lower, May 20.13, July 20.01 and Oct. 19.80. Futures closed 30 to 60 cents a bale lower.
May—opened, 20.20; closed, 20.06
July—opened, 10.05; closed, 19.93
Oct—opened, 19.84; closed, 19.73
Dec—opened, 19.77; closed, 19.68
Mch—opened, 19.44; closed, 19.61
Middleling spot 21.85; off 12.
N - Nominal.

Coyotes Save Their Skins

Salt Lake City — (AP) — When the coyotes howl out on the lone prairie these days, it's with glee.

There's a good bounty on their pelts but they stand a better chance of hanging onto them than at any other time in years. Traps are hard to get, ammunition is scarce and most of the private hunters have gone into more lucrative war work or into the armed services.

The force of hunters employed by the Utah federal animal and rodent control division has dropped from a high mark of 140 to the present 62.

Double Trouble In Sheriff's Corner

Darlington, S. C. — (AP) — Sheriff C. A. Ginnell, with a complete description, set out to get his man on an assault and battery charge.

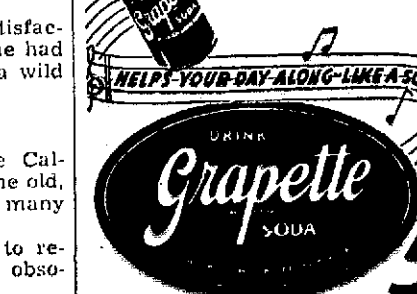
He found a person at a bus station fitting the description perfectly and he arrested him. The man vigorously protested his innocence. Then up popped another man, a double for the first. He was arrested promptly and confessed.

Both had the same name. They were no kin.

MEETING TREATING



That each Grapette drinker knows.



Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press
Scrap Payoff
Little Rock, — Governor Homer M. Adkins of Arkansas is preparing to send ten pounds of Bauxite to Governor Sam H. Jones of Louisiana.

The Arkansas governor wagered the bounty against ten pounds of Louisiana sulphur plus a quantity of molasses that Arkansas would collect more scrap metal than Louisiana.

Governor Jones reported Louisiana collected 108.6 per cent of its quota; Arkansas, 61.3.

Lucky Number
Memphis, Tenn. — Thirteen unlucky? Don't try to peddle that stuff to Sgt. James F. Coates Jr. bombardier in the Army Air Forces, who says he —

Was born May 13, 1917 —
Was in two consecutive battles in the Solomons on the 13th —
Was under shellfire on Guadalcanal on the 13th —
Was on one of the longest air-sea bombardment missions of the war on the 13th —

It passed a bill yesterday to repeal 3,761 statutes, mostly obsolete

Questions and Answers on Rationing

Washington, March 18 — (AP) — The Office of Price Administration today issued the following series of questions and answers on rationing, which starts March 29:

Q. When may I start using my ration stamps in War Book Two?

A. Red stamps marked "A" in War Book Two will be valid beginning Monday, March 29. These stamps will be used to ration meats and cheese, butter, margarine, shortenings and other fats and oils, as well as canned fish.

Q. Will some red stamps in War Book Two be set aside for buying meats exclusively?

A. No All valid red stamps may be used interchangeably to buy any foods on the new ration list.

Q. May I use all my valid red stamps to buy only meat if you don't intend to buy cheese, or butter — or any one other food, for which you will need the red ration stamps.

Q. How long will the Red "A" stamps be valid?

A. The red stamps marked "A" will be valid beginning March 29 will be good throughout April.

Q. When may I start using additional red ration stamps?

A. Red stamps marked "B" will be valid beginning April 4; stamps marked "C" beginning April 11; stamps marked "D" on April 18; and stamps marked "E" beginning April 25. Stamps through "D" may be used until the end of April. The expiration date of Stamp E will be announced later.

Q. How will I know how many points I shall need for a pound of butter and a half pound of cheese?

A. The point price of all foods to be rationed with red stamps will be listed on an official table of point values similar to the one now used for processed foods. At least one such table will be posted in each store which sells any of the rationed foods listed.

Q. Will point prices of meat as well as cheese and butter be posted on the same list?

A. Yes, all the foods rationed

Nine Acquitted on Wild Game Charges

Fort Smith, March 18 — (AP) — Municipal court hearings of charges of illegal possession of wild game resulted in acquittals here yesterday for nine persons including W. O. Stotzer, brother of the Sebastian county judge, and A. B. Harpner, president of the Fort Smith Gas company.

Five other persons pleaded guilty Tuesday to similar charges and the case of R. C. Framberst one of 15 named in the charges, was continued until March 23 because of his illness. The charges were filed March 1 following raids on local cold storage lockers.

Planes of the British Coastal Command have flown more than 50 million miles since the war started.

The total Chinese population in Asia, 457,000,000, is more than a quarter of the human race.

with the red stamps in war ration book two will be included on one list.

REDSKINS' ROLL CALL

LIKE NATURE GUIDE

Fort Leavenworth, Kas. (AP) — Staff Sgt. Frank V. Martin had a field day with his hobby of collecting unusual names when a group of Sioux Indians arrived recently at Fort Leavenworth. Among others, there were Clayton W. Jealous Of Me, Boy White Buttery, Levi Yellow Boy, George White Bull, Andrew Slow Bear and Moses Blindman.

JUDGE HAMMERS

HOME HIS POINT

Denver (AP) — Judge Stanley H. Johnson called for the building carpenter when someone stole his gavel. "Let me borrow your hammer," he requested. It served the purpose but, commented the bailiff, it added nothing to the "traditionally austere, dignified atmosphere of this courtroom."

ECZEMA

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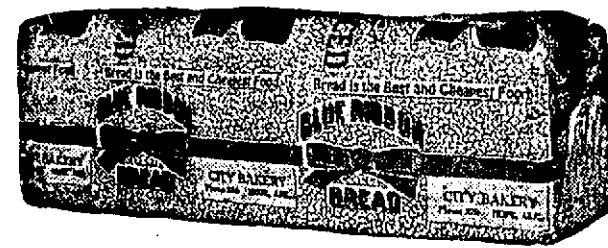
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Ease itching with antiseptic Black and White Ointment. Use only as directed. Ointment with Black and White Soap.

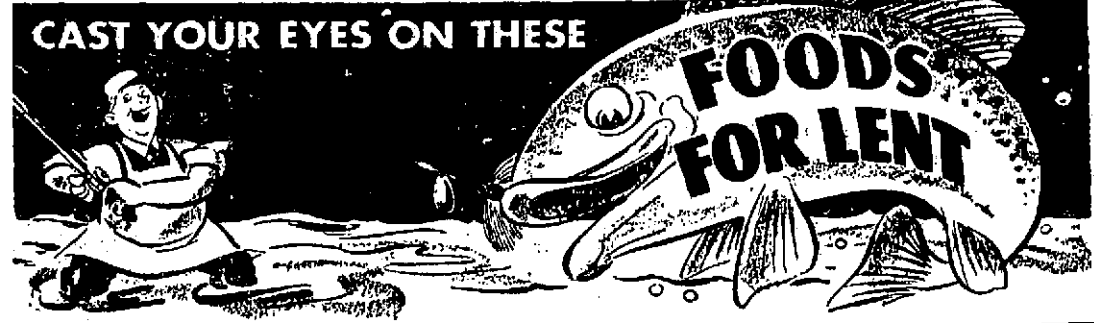
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PORK SAUSAGE Seasoned Right, Lb.	30c
ROAST PORK or BEEF Pound	32c

All Sweet OLEO Lb.	25c
CALF LIVER Pound	33c

FRESH HAM Sliced Pound	39c
PORK CHOPS Center Cuts, Lb.	39c

Early Bird 100-lbs.	2.69
SCRATCH GRAINS	2.39

Quaker 100-lbs. DAIRY RATION	2.39
Sulphur 50-lb. Stock SALT, block	55c

Horse Shoe 100-lbs. EGG MASH	2.79
Recleaned 100-lbs. SHELL CORN	2.45

Quaker SCHUMACHER	2.30
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Iceberg LETTUCE Head	10c
CARROTS 2 bchs	15c
Red Ripe TOMATOES Lb.	23c
Bell PEPPERS Lb.	35c
CELERY Lge. Stalk	19c

GOOD TO TASTE
GOOD FOR YOU!
AN IDEAL DISH FOR A LENTEN MEAL!

Lenten Dinner
Macaroni Cheese Cutlets
Broadcast by:
Mary Lee Taylor, Mar 18

1 1/2 cups broken macaroni or spaghetti
6 cups boiling water
2 1/2 teaspoons salt
No. 2 can peas
3 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup Milk

1 1/2 cups grated American cheese or 4 1/2 cups dried, packaged variety
1 1/2 teaspoons grated onion
4 cups corn flakes
2 tablespoons butter or other shortening

Boil macaroni until tender in boiling water and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Drain and rinse with cold water. Chop coarsely. Drain peas and save liquid. Mix together in saucepan the flour, remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper. Stir in milk and 1/4 cup liquid oil peas. Boil slowly for 2 minutes, or until mixture thickens. Add cheese and onion. Stir until cheese melts. Remove from heat, add macaroni and drained peas. Pack into a shallow pan. Chill until firm. Turn on oven and set at moderately slow (375°F.). Roll corn flakes into fine crumbs. Cut cold macaroni mixture into 6 chop-shaped pieces suitable for serving. Roll in corn flake crumbs. Put in greased, shallow baking pan. Dot tops with bits of butter. Bake 20 minutes, or until "cutlets" are thoroughly hot. Serve at once. If desired, insert short piece of uncooked macaroni in each "cutlet" and cover with paper trim as illustrated. Serves 6.

For This Recipe You'll Need:

IRRADIATED MILK	can	10c
MACARONI 3 pkgs.		10c
Rosedale PEAS	No. 2 can	23c

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HOPE STAR

Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor
Phone 768 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Social Calendar

Thursday, March 18th
Hope chapter 328, Order of the Eastern Star, the Masonic Hall, 7:30 o'clock. All members are asked to attend.

A meeting of the Lilac Garden club will be held at the home of Mrs. Floyd Porterfield with Mrs. Tom Kinser, associate hostess, 8 o'clock.

Friday, March 19th
Mrs. C. C. McNeil will be hostess to the Friday Music club, 2 o'clock. An interesting program is being arranged by Mrs. Henry Haynes.

Monday, March 22nd
The Women's Missionary Society

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RIALTO
LAST TIMES TODAY
Bette Davis
in
"Man Who Came to Dinner"
and
Gloria Jean
in
"Get Hep to Love"
FRIDAY - SATURDAY
THE RANGE BUSTERS
in **TEXAS TROUBLE SHOOTERS**
and
Lean Errol
Mary Healy
in
"Strictly in the Groove"

of the First Baptist church, the church, 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Henry Haynes will present the Bible study.

Mrs. Arch Moore and Mrs. S. D. Cook are hostesses to Garden Club The Gardenia Garden club met at the home of Mrs. Arch Moore Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. S. D. Cook, co-hostesses.

Mrs. James Frank Ward presided at the business session. Reports were heard from the various officers after which the new business was brought before the house.

A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. C. V. Nunn, Mrs. Steve Carrigan, and Mrs. Albert Jewell was appointed.

After the business meeting, Mrs. C. V. Nunn, program director, lead a round table discussion on penitentials.

At the close of the meeting a delicious salad course was served with tea to 14 members and one guest, Mrs. H. J. Chessier.

In the flower arrangement contest, Mrs. S. D. Cook's display was awarded first place.

Mission Study is Conducted
By Mrs. L. F. Higginson
Twenty members of Circle No. 2 of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church were present for the meeting at the church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. L. F. Higginson led the study on missions, her subject being "Water of Life for the Thirsty".

Coming and Going
Private Jack T. Butler has returned to Atlantic City, N. J. after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Butler of Hope.

Mrs. F. D. Middlebrooks and little daughter, Kathie, of Little Rock are the guests of Mrs. Middlebrooks' mother, Mrs. B. M. Jones.

Lt. and Mrs. Harry Shiver are expected today from Fort Sam Houston, Texas for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Segnar, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Olsen are spending the remainder of the week in Chicago.

Mrs. J. M. Churchwell and her sister, Mrs. V. E. Whitwell of Little Rock, have returned from Keesler Field, Miss., where they were guests of Pvt. George Churchman.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Story, Jr. and children have returned to their home in Minden, La. after spending several days with relatives.

Mrs. Garrett Story and granddaughter, Carolyn, Mrs. Herbert Voss and daughter, Margaret, and Mrs. J. W. Perkins and son, William, motored to Texarkana yesterday.

Mrs. Blackie Elliot departed today for Dallas, where she will be the guest of relatives.

Among the Hope visitors to Texarkana yesterday were Mrs. Olin Gray, Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. Olin Purdie, Mrs. Chester Hunt, and Mrs. Perry Taylor.

Mrs. Aubrey Green and son, Jimmy, have arrived from McGregor, Texas to be guests of Mrs. C. D. Dickinson and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Andrews.

Legal Notice

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City Treasurer
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No Men Allowed



Army Nurse Virginia Crelli explains to Red Cross correspondent George L. Moorad that this sign enforces Army taboo on dough-boys invading nurses' area at American field hospital in New Guinea.

Husband of Blevins Girl Listed Missing

Mrs. Lucille Jackson of Shreveport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Loc of Blevins, was notified yesterday that her husband Jack Jackson of the U. S. Army, has been missing in action in the African theater since February.

The War Department notification was by telegram.

A Lucky Find

Boonville, Mo. —(AP)—While pondering what to buy his wife for her birthday anniversary, Capt. C. V. Anderson of Kemper Military School was casually clearing out his desk.

Back in a corner he found a package. In it were three pairs of nylon hose he had purchased long ago for a birthday present and had forgotten to take home.



GREETERS
CHAPTER XVI
"YOU mean, Ed, that we've got to fly west again? To catch up with Jimmy?"

"Yes'm. That's what he said. And it's not any forgery this time."

"But—but why? Why does he want me?"

Ed Bryan, airplane pilot, shook his head. "You know as much as I do, Miss Pat. He just telephoned me this morning and said I was to take you and catch up with him. Later I got verified orders from Colonel Furedy himself, so it ain't no monkey business."

"No. But my stars, whatever can Jimmy want? Let me get my coat, Ed."

Just that quick she was ready. Ed Bryan had telephoned her out of a sound sleep and she was dressed when he came for her at 7 a. m. She hadn't eaten breakfast, but she was ready to fly. You don't question orders in the Army, you obey them, Pat told herself.

They snatched coffee and a bite of food before taking off, and Ed had some food in the plane for her, too.

"This is no short hop," he explained. "We'll have to refuel along the way, but mostly we're going to be flying. We're to catch him at Phoenix."

"But what about the Kansas stops? And Denver, Colo.?"

"Route's been changed, the colonel said. They cut out all but Phoenix. On account of Phoenix is having a big soaring carnival or something, honoring Captain Carr."

"Now that's nice!"

"Sure! But why you and me have to be there, I don't know."

"Jimmy didn't specify a thing? What we were to do?"

"No ma'am. He said to tuck you in a plane and catch up with him at the earliest possible stop. That's all he did say."

Key Jap Bases Hard Hit by Allied Bombers

By the Associated Press

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters today reported a smashing assault on the big Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain, in which Allied fliers plastered the airdrome with 392 bombs, while other United Nations airmen attacked an enemy outpost in the New Hebrides between Australia and New Guinea.

The attack on Rabaul, just before dusk yesterday, touched off many fires and explosions, and further crippled Japan's aerial striking power in the Southwest Pacific.

Meanwhile, a Tokyo broadcast quoted Premier Hideki Tojo as warning Japan that "the war situation is becoming more serious" — a confession underlined by Secretary Knox's statement in New York last night that Japan has lost 1,857,000 tons of shipping, or one-third of her tonnage at the beginning of the war.

"The journey to victory is just begun," Knox said.

"We have reached the point where the conduct of this struggle will be from now on, of our own choosing. The initiative is ours."

The Tokyo radio said Premier Tojo would be given extraordinary new war-time powers today and announced the formation of a board of advisers to the Japanese cabinet to stimulate "an increase of fighting strength."

While Japan thus displayed signs of worry over the trend of the war, Allied warplanes continued to blast at the westward movement of Japanese troops and supplies to the islands above Australia, attacking three enemy coastal vessels off western Dutch New Guinea.

At the same time, Gen. MacArthur revealed the discovery of an elaborate Japanese encampment 50 miles above Allied-captured Buna, New Guinea, which was apparently intended as a base for a new offensive by 15,000 enemy troops killed in the battle of the Bismarck sea.

Allied troops found the camp while mopping up in the area of the Mambare river mouth.

A communiqué said the base afforded an "elaborate and recently constructed defense system, including prepared positions, pillboxes and hospital and other installations for a large force" — the force that was sent to the bottom of the Bismarck Sea in the destruction of a 22-ship Japanese convoy en route to New Guinea.

space for bringing supplies from the United States.

Green coffee grown in North Africa is roasted, cooled, stoned and ground in the mobile units which can be hauled on a truck and setup within three hours.

This Man Thistles While He Works

Chattanooga, Tenn. (AP)—Tom O. Selman of Chattanooga has devoted a large portion of his farm to the production of blessed thistles, a plant needed in large quantities for certain pharmaceutical preparations.

The war has shut off the source of supply in Europe, which held a virtual monopoly on blessed thistle for many years, so Selman increased his production to 82,000 pounds last year. He expects another bumper crop this season.

Coffee Roasted On The Run

London.—(AP)—Now "GI Java" for American soldiers is coming from coffee roasted fresh on Army mobile units.

There's a great demand among the fighting forces for American coffee, but supplies have been curtailed due to limited British roasting facilities and the lack of cargo

Forgotten Men of Combat Flying Are Ground Crews

By THOBURN WINANT

A United States Heavy Bomber Base Somewhere in India, March 15.—(Delayed)—(P)—The forgotten men of combat flying are the ground crews.

They don't get headlines, or medals or public acclaim, and they are never mentioned in communiqués. But there wouldn't be any communiqués if the ground crews weren't on the job before and after each combat mission.

Talk to any pilot, and he'll give credit where credit is due.

"The fact is they deserve most of the credit," declared Major William R. Starke, 29, of Starkville, Miss., a squadron commander.

"All we do is fly the planes. We are utterly dependent upon the ground crews. If they didn't keep our planes in the best possible condition, we couldn't bomb targets in Burma day after day."

A ground crew's work is never done. Each plane has more than 5,000 different gadgets to be checked. Before a plane can leave for combat at least 25 ground crewmen must put it in order. Seconds after it returns they go to work again, checking and rechecking it for the next mission.

Sometimes ground crews work 36 hours without sleep. If they don't have spare parts, they make good substitutes.

Ninety per cent of the planes at this base always are ready to go out on a mission — a percentage hard to beat anywhere.

In charge of maintenance is Lieut. Raymond Scheriff, 26, of Rye, N. Y., a combat pilot who has fought the Germans and Italians in the Middle East as well as the Japanese in Burma. He takes the planes aloft for tests after the ground crews finish. And he does his share of operational flying over Burma, too.

His right hand man is Sergt. Francis D. Kenny, 23, of Norristown, N. J., line chief. Also assisting is Sergt. Emmett L. King, 28, of Raymore, Mo., engineering inspector.

King said his squadron was the air corps' oldest in point of overseas duty. He said its history dated back to the first world war, during which it was wiped out three times.

Ground crewmen include Pvt. James W. Bennett, 23, Bruce, Miss.; Pvt. Harley J. Miller, 24, Waldron, Ark.; and Pvt. L. T. Mitchell, 29, Merigold, Miss.

Silver-plated bearings for airplane motors are widely used to withstand the terrific speeds of war.

Native custom decrees that mahogany trees be cut in Honduras only in the rainy season and by the light of the waning moon.

Palestine Arabs Plan Political Body

Jerusalem (AP)—First steps toward creating a representative body of Palestine Arabs have been taken by a newly formed sponsoring committee at Haifa.

No official political body representing all Arabs of the country has existed since dissolution of the Arab High committee by the Palestine government in October, 1938, during disturbances. Requests for support have been sent by the new committee to the government officials.

A conference of leading Arab personalities from the entire country now is planned by the Haifa leaders.

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FRUIT JARS Quarts **69c**
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APPLES Pound **12c**
GRAPEFRUIT 5 lbs. **23c**
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**FDR Names Clark
Assistant Attorney**

Washington, March 16—(AP)—Tom
C. Clark of Dallas, Texas, saw
nominated by President Roosevelt
today to be an assistant attorney
general, succeeding Thurman Ar-
nold in charge of the Justice De-
partment anti-trust activities.
Arnold recently was named a
judge of the United States dis-
trict court of appeals for the Dis-
trict of Columbia.
Hugh B. Cox of Washington was
nominated for a new position as
assistant attorney general and will
have charge of a division handling
wartime activities of the Justice
Department, dealing with
problems as enemy aliens, and
alien properties. Cox was born at
Logan, Ala.
Clark, 43, practiced law in Dal-
las for 15 years before joining the
Justice Department Bureau of War
risk litigation, in 1933. He moved
to the anti-trust division in 1938,
specializing in cases brought under
the 1937 agricultural marketing
agreement act and the wages and
hours law.

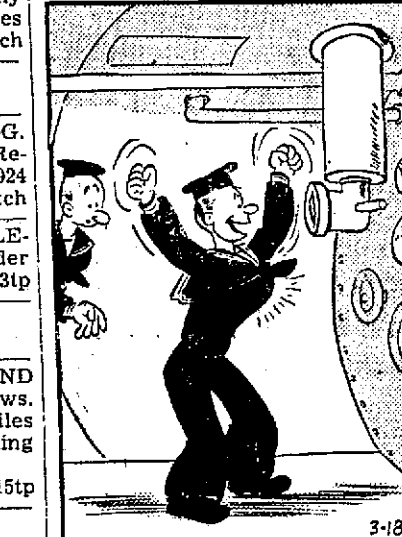
Today in Congress

By The Associated Press
Senate
In recess until Friday.
Military Affairs committee hears
Undersecretary of War Patterson
on war service bill.
Agriculture subcommittee in-
vestigates corn price ceilings.
Senate and House Foreign Re-
lations committees meet with An-
thony Eden and Lord Halifax.
House
Debate proposed to investigate
farm security administration.
Rules committee begins hearing
on draft deferment bill.
Labor committee hears ship
builder Henry J. Kaiser on absten-
tialism.

**All This Watchdog
Does Is Watch**

Kansas City—(AP)—The Ralph Mc-
Brides left their home in the care
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looked inside.
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outside and barking lustily. He had
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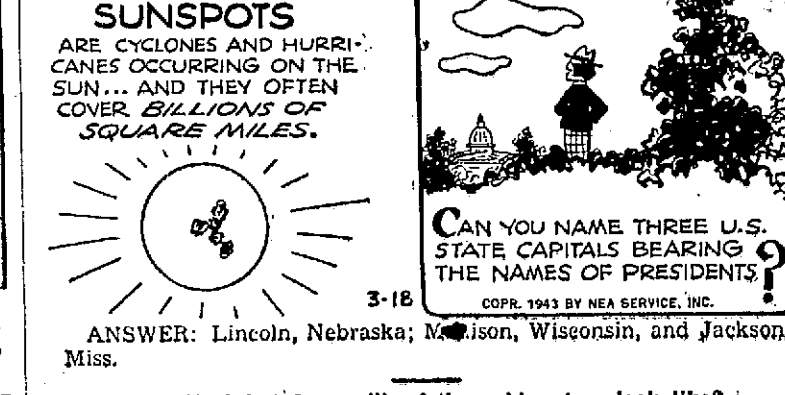
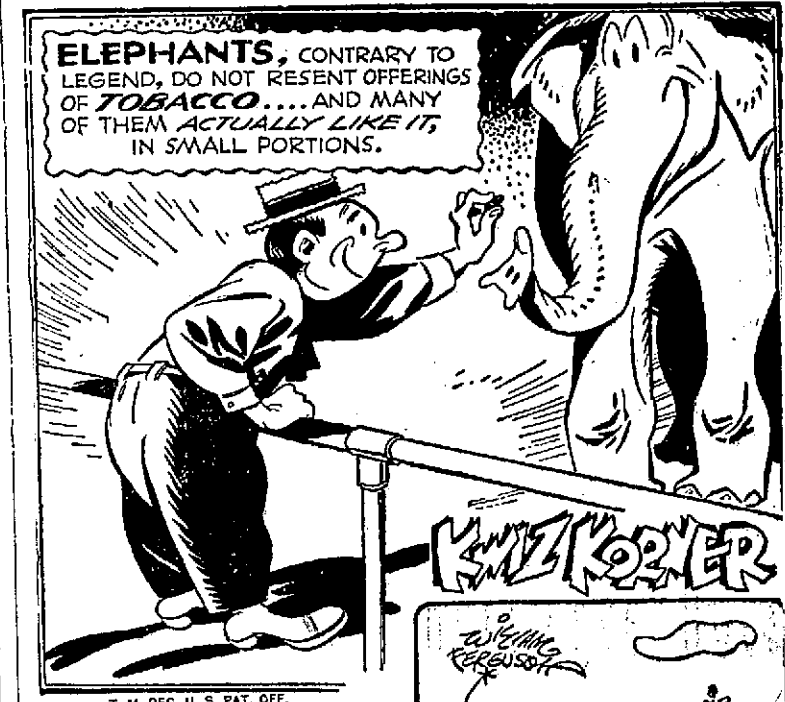
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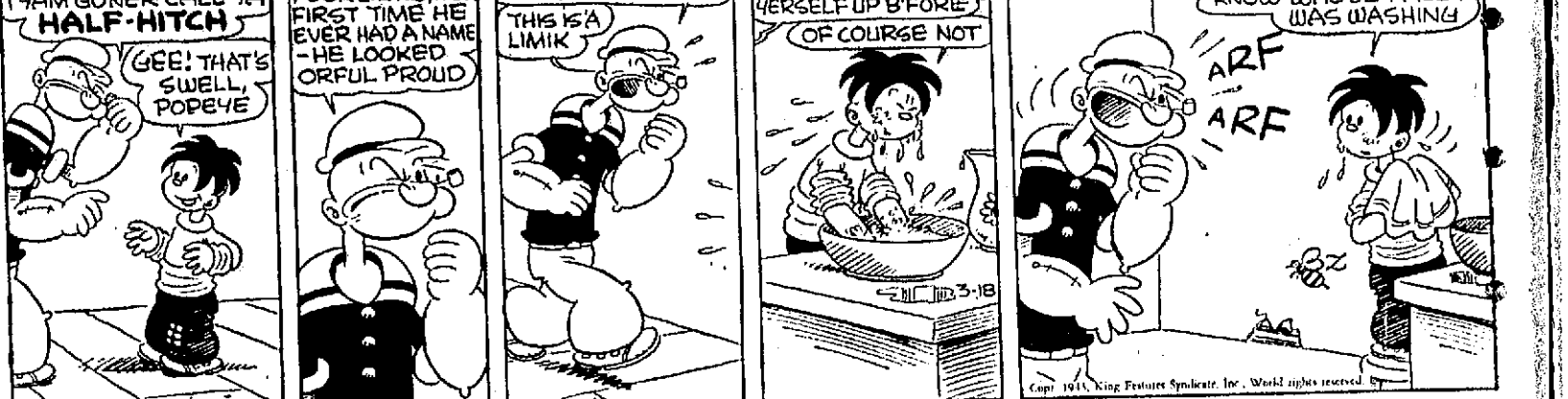
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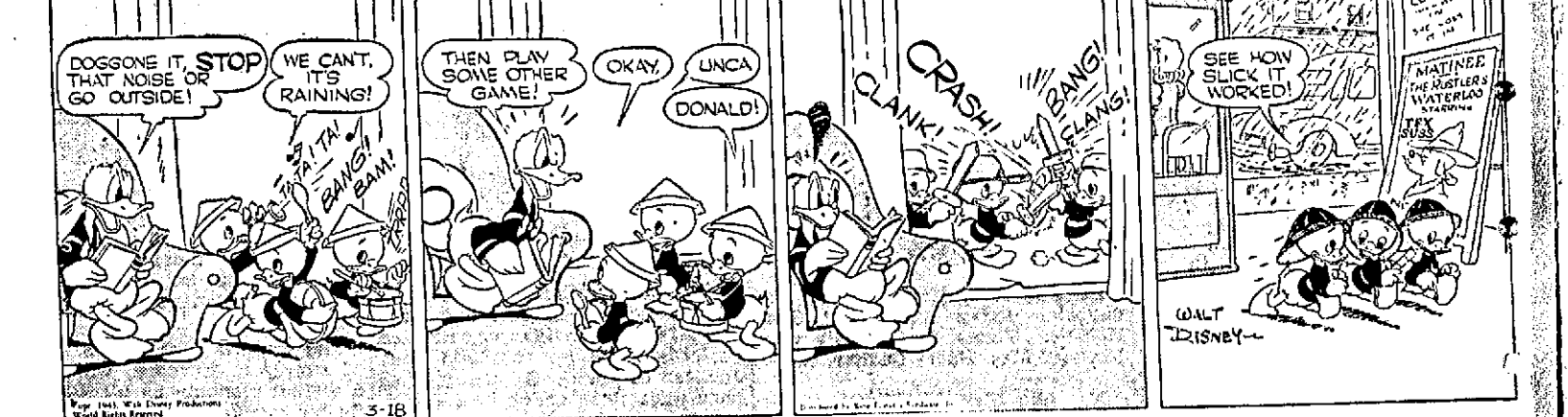
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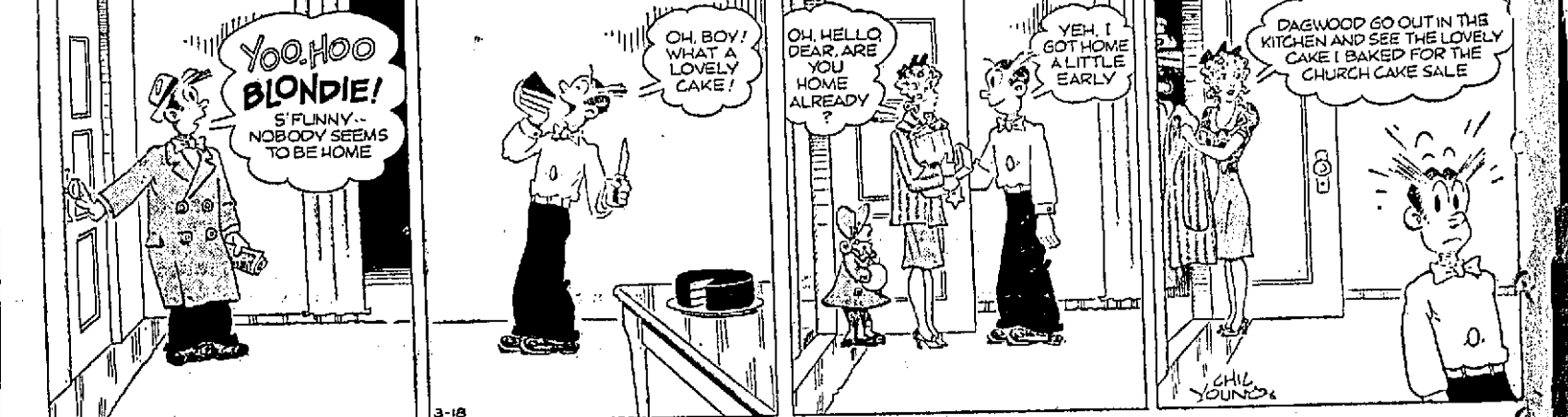
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Luke Sewell Is Manager Almost Without a Team

By OSCAR KAHAN

Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 18.—(AP)—Luke Sewell of the St. Louis Browns is a manager virtually without a team.

Although the Browns' reserve list of 36 players was the largest in the American league, only 19 have reported for spring training so far. And, as Sewell said, "You can't get a team in shape when your players are scattered all over the country."

Contract trouble isn't the chief reason for absenteeism. Third baseman Harold Clift, for example, is still at Selah, Wash., trying to find some one in care for 15 head of cattle on his ranch. Pitcher Paul Dean is helping finish some chores at Holdenville, Ark.

Young Bill Seinoth, promising rookie left hander who won 24 and lost ten games with New Orleans last season, wrote he believed he could get into condition by himself on the west coast. Sewell's reply sizzled on the telegraph wires.

Seven of Browns' players still are unsigned, among them Clift, because he doesn't know whether he'll be able to play baseball this year, first baseman George McQuinn, pitcher Stan Ferens and Archie McKain, catcher Frank Hayes, and infielders Floyd Baker and Don Heffner.

Other absentees, several of them awaiting draft summons, are pitchers George Caster and Woody York, catcher Dick Perrell, second baseman Don Gutteridge, rookie Shortstop Bob Dilling, utility infielder Alva Strange, short stop Vernon Stephens and first baseman Chuck Stevens.

As a result, Sewell has only one infielder in camp. Mark Christman, two recruit catchers, Joe Schultz and Ardy Koller, nine pitchers and all six outfielders.

Pebbs Sell Trexler to Indianapolis

Richmond, Va., March 18.—(AP)—Jim Trexler, who won 19 and lost seven games as pitcher for Little Rock in the Southern Association last year, said today he had been sold by Little Rock to Indianapolis of the American Association, but intended to stick to his new job as a Richmond policeman.

Trexler, who formerly pitched for Richmond in the Piedmont League, said he would immediately inform Indianapolis of his decision and ask Judge W. G. Brumham, minor league baseball commissioner, to place him on the voluntary retired list.

National youth committees are financed by the British government to oversee the welfare of young people between 14 and 18.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist



New York, March 18 (AP)—The National Collegiate A. A. won't be holding its usual golf and tennis championships this spring although the track meet probably will go on as usual. The reason, of course, is that by the time these events usually are run off, most colleges will have had their commencements and there won't be many top-flight competitors hanging around. It seems to be the academic speed-up, rather than service calls, that are wrecking the college spring programs and by the next fall Prof. Philip O. Badger, the N.C.A.A. president, figures sports "will be stabilized on a new basis." Anyway, stabilized or not, it will be new.

Muscle Jerks
When the Yankees used the Asbury Park, N. J., high school for calisthenics Tuesday, some of the students watched from the bleachers. The muscular maneuvers of the athletes were so funny that some of the kids laughed right out loud and had to be reprimanded for embarrassing the mighty major leaguers. Maybe Col. Biff Jones, the Army athletic director, was seeking to provide similar entertainment when he suggested that the Dodgers start work in the West point field house a little earlier so the cadets could see some real expensive ivory on the hoof.

Today's Guest Star
Al Wolf, Los Angeles Times' "One very articulate Hollywood boxing fan, who used to scream 'downstairs' when he wanted a pug to shoot for his opponent's midriff, is yelling 'below deck' these days. He's in the Navy now."

One-Minute Sports Page
The crack soccer team composed of performers in the Ringling-Barum and Bailey circus has been disbanded because of wartime difficulties. Syd Hwoe, who played hockey for the Red Wings all winter and held down a defense job in Detroit, received a watch from his fellow toll and die makers the night in recognition of his performance on the ice. Leona Hertz, daughter of the noted Chicago race boss owner, is working in the publicity business in New York. The New York university track team, first to win both the Intercollegiate 4-A and the A.A.U. indoor championships, is slated to visit Red Cross headquarters to make a mass blood donation Saturday. Jockey Eddie De Camillis, out of action because of injuries, has bought a hotel at Haver G. Grace, Md., where he won't be bothered by racing fans for some time.

Spring Braining
With five major league clubs and three American association teams training in Indiana this spring, sports editor Tom Stephenson of the Elkhart (Ind.) Daily Truth suggests that the "grapefruit league" should be re-named the "lime-spring circuit." That doesn't include New England granite, New Jersey sand or even plain Mississippi mud. But it's a cinch a lot of the pampered veterans will find it rocky going this spring.

Service Dept.
Steve Stavers, former Columbia swimmer, has been promoted to captain in the Marines and sent to Camp Pendleton, Calif., as instructor in individual combat. He reports it was more than a trifle embarrassing when he got a bayonet slash over the eye recently and had to sport a bandage that proved the chief instructor was something less than perfect. Two of his students (both good) are Lieuts. Frank Reagan, ex Penn and Giants footballer and William Rutledge, former Rhode Island state basketball player. Iowa pre-flight school coaches thought they had some record breakers when Cadet Bob Schwegel was time in 6.7 for the 60-yard low hurdles and Webb Douglas in 5.8 for the 60-yard dash. Then they re-measured the course and found it was only 53 yards.

Eleven Better Class Sprinters Meet Today

Hot Springs, March 18.—(AP)—Eleven of the better class of sprinters met today in the featured fourth race at Oaklawn, an allowance event over six furlongs.

Gray Dream, from the Memphis-owned stables of J. W. Rodgers, was time-worn at 118 pounds. Mrs. J. J. Hettche's Meg-ay was assigned 113. Two other well-known sprinters nominated included Mrs. C. E. Nelson's entry of Johnnie J. and Sassy Lady, both former winners here.

Others entered were Big Meal, Mixer, Bob's Dream, Gold Mike, Begda, Albatross and Par Avion. Spiral Pass, Mt. Desert stables' four-year-old daughter of Pharamond II - Bantry Pass, led all the way to win the \$1,500 Bundles for America handicap yesterday. She finished the mile and sixteenth route in 1:14, a length ahead of H. H. Hugg's Devalue, Rivermont Ranch's Ballymarnet was third. Spiral Pass paid only \$2.80 to win, the shortest price here this season.

Deaths Last Night

By The Associated Press
Dr. Merton S. Rice
Detroit, March 18.—(AP)—Dr. Merton S. Rice, 70, of the Metropolitan Methodist church of Detroit, one of the nation's largest pastors, and once described in a nationwide church poll as one of the country's 25 most influential preachers, died last night. He was a native of Ottawa, Kas.

Ralph H. Dunn
New York, March 18.—(AP)—Ralph H. Dunn, 69, retired stock broker and father of James Dunn, stage and screen actor, died last night. He was born in Bangor, Me.

Diedrich Jansen Haines
Philadelphia, March 18.—(AP)—Diedrich Jansen Haines, 72, retired mechanical engineer and former president of the Des Moines (Ia.) Gas company, died last night.

Phillip L. Henriquez
Wheaton, Ill., March 18.—(AP)—Phillip L. Henriquez, 69, the last 21 years western advertising manager for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and in the advertising business nearly 50 years died last night.

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Labor to Seek Relaxation of Wage Control

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—Labor leaders demanding a relaxation of the government's wage controls will lay their case before President Roosevelt Saturday at a meeting which conceivably may determine the War Labor Board's future policies.

The occasion is a periodic gathering of labor's Victory Committee, composed of AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhood officials who are critical of the policies the board is administering.

Already shaken by internal dissension, the WLB faces an onslaught from still another quarter — John L. Lewis of the United Mine workers.

Experienced government observers believe the real crisis in the soft coal wage case will be postponed considerably beyond April 1, when the present agreement expires, but these and other informed sources question whether some measures to bolster WLB prestige and give it a harmonious front can be as long delayed.

Postponement of the coal crisis, in the opinion of government officials who cannot be quoted, will take the form of an offer by Lewis to make any future agreement retroactive to April 1, or an order re-measured the course and found it was only 53 yards.

The board is composed of an equal number of representatives of industry, labor and the public — a maximum of 12 members, although sometimes decisions are made by a three-man board and in minor cases by a six-man board. Decisions have been unpopular in 70 per cent of the cases and dissents caused little more than a ripple as long as they occurred on a unit basis.

However, grave dissensions over interpreting basic policy became evident in the west coast aircraft case two weeks ago when public member Wayne L. Morse joined the labor unit in a minority vote, and some of the labor members declared "dictation" by Stabilization Director James F. Byrne had destroyed the board's Democratic processes.

At one point in the aircraft case, George Meany, AFL secretary-treasurer, gave the Nazi salute, shouted, "Heil Byrnes," and walked out of the room.

Since the aircraft decision, Morse has disagreed with his public colleagues several more times, though not always voting with the labor unit.

Meanwhile, the AFL has formally proposed a program to revamp the board's wage policy, including a new ceiling on cost-of-living adjustments. The board will take it up Monday and its rejection, if the board votes at all, is generally expected.

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press
Today A Year Ago Jeff Cravata, former coach at San Francisco, was named to succeed Justin "Sam" Barry as head coach at U.S.C.

Three Years Ago — Walter Mehl handed Taisto Miki his first American defeat at Kansas City, winning a two-mile test by a step in 9:09.5.

Five Years Ago — Phillips '68' quintet, 1937 runner-up, was beaten by Kansas City heels in semi-finals of National A. A. U. basketball tournament at Denver.

In France during the Middle Ages the length of a man's shoes indicated his social rank.

Plant Properly, Save Seed, Urge Experts



This is No. 7 of a series of 12 articles of expert advice for Victory gardeners this year. It is suggested that you clip and save each installment for future reference.

Prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for NEA Service.

The need for garden seed, is greater this year than ever before, and for this reason it is important that all Victory gardeners buy and sow their seeds wisely.

"Don't buy more seed than you need to plant," cautions the U. S. Department of Agriculture. "Don't plant more seed than you need to get a stand."

The Department points out that

spaced as the plants are to stand. These vegetables never should be thinned in the rows.

Small seeds, such as carrots, collards, onions, parsnips, spinach, should be sown three or four times as thickly as the plants are to stand, because many seeds usually fail to produce good seedlings. Surplus seedlings are to be thinned out before the plants crowd one another.

Beet and chard "seeds" should be sown no thicker than the plants are to stand, because these "seeds" are really fruits, each containing several seeds. Some thinning is always necessary.

Cabbage, tomato, and onion

PLANTING CHART

The following table shows suitable spacing for a number of common vegetables in a small garden, with the amount of seed required for one foot and 100 feet of row and the proper depth of covering in a good sandy loam. In heavy soils seed should be covered less deeply and in light sandy soil a little more deeply.

	Minimum space between rows (inches)	Distance between plants in row (inches)	Seed required to plant: 1 foot of row (number)	100 ft. of row	Depth to cover seed (inches)
Lima beans	24	24	3-4	3/4 lb.	1
Snap beans	24	24	3-4	1 lb.	1
Peas	14	2-3	6	1 lb.	1
Cabbage	27	15-24	20-25	50-90 plants	1 1/2
Carrots	14	2-3	3-4	1 ounce	1/2
Chard	18	4-6	3-4	1 packet	1/2
Collards	18	15-18	3-4	1 packet	1/2
Kale	18	12	3-4	1 packet	1/2
Lettuce	15	12	8-10	1 packet	1/2
Mustard	15	4-6	8-10	1 ounce	1/2
Onions	14	2-3	15-20	1 qt. sets	1/2
Parsnips	18	2-3	15-20	1/2 ounce	1/2
Peas	18	1	12-15	1 lb.	1-1 1/2
Potatoes	24	12	—	6-8 lbs.	4
Radishes	12	2-4	10-15	1 ounce	1/2
Spinach	12	3-4	10-15	1/2 ounce	1/2
Squash	100	30	4-5	1 lb.	1-1 1/2
Sweet corn	36	15	3-4	1/2 lb.	1
Tomatoes	36	24	20-25	50 plants	1/2
Turnips	14	2-3	20-25	1/2 ounce	1/2

while the supply of vegetable seed for Victory Gardens promises to be sufficient to meet the country's needs, the situation is tight, particularly for onion, beet and carrot seeds, and it would be unwise to waste any kind.

Nearly all gardeners, especially at first, have been found to sow seed too thickly. This not only requires an excess of seed, but also wastes labor as the seedlings later must be thinned by hand to the spacing needed for proper growth. Where seed are sown too closely, poor growth and poor quality vegetables result unless thinning is properly done.

Bean and pea seeds should be

placed where they are to remain in the row.

Tall growing crops should be placed preferably on the north or west side of the garden so that they will not shade the low plants. As far as possible, the first plantings of small and early vegetables should be along the south or east side, with later crops to be sown progressively across the plot. This helps avoid confusion and damage to earlier sowings.

Gardeners should consult their experienced neighbors and local agricultural advisers on the best time to plant the various kinds of vegetables.

Tiny Isle Off Coast of Africa Almost Escapes War

By DON WHITEHEAD

On the island of Djibouti, March 14.—(Delayed)—(AP)—The gods of war almost forgot this island of golden sands off the North African coast — almost, but not quite. Twenty-five miles away guns are booming. The earth trembles with the explosions of shells and the thunder of bombs dropped from American and British planes on Field Marshal Rommel's positions in the Mareh line. Armored cars and tanks roll across Tunisian

plains and roads battered by the passage of many vehicles. But over Djibouti island a sense of peace and security rests like a protective cloak. In a world gone mad it is a place of quiet serenity where life is sane and almost normal.

One would never believe such a spot could exist along the war-ravaged African coast within earshot of the guns. But here it is — an island of golden sands lying green and beautiful in the Gulf of Gabes. Its history is lost in antiquity, but it is known that Djibouti pottery was being made before the birth of Christ.

A little native boat with patched sails carried us to the island, lying about a mile off the mainland. "You are the first American we have seen," the boatman said to me in French. "Vive Roosevelt!" Our car followed us by ferry, the machine looking almost as big as the boat. We drove across the island over an excellent road to Djibouti's principal town — Houme-Souk.

The road wound through green barley fields, groves of olive trees and scarlet masses of poppies sploshed with the vivid yellow of daisies. Shepherds tended flocks of sheep and herds of goats.

The houses of Houme-Souk were blue and white. Clean streets gleamed in the sunlight — and one thought of the shattered towns along the coast westward from El Alamein, with jagged walls of shattered masonry and the stench and filth of destruction. Here everything was as spotless as though freshly scrubbed.

Frenchmen, Arabs and Djiboutians strolled through the streets and market places as people at home in America stroll on a quiet afternoon. Children played in the main square. And for the first time since the Eighth Army began its advance across Africa I saw a woman pushing a baby carriage. More than anything else that added to the illusion of unreality.

The people were friendly and crowds gathered to shake our hands whenever we stopped. They seemed jubilant over the arrival of the British and the departure of the Germans and Italians. And many of the island's 6,500

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people had reason to be glad. Four weeks ago the Germans were here looting. Before they left they seized four rabbits as hostages and demanded that the Jews give them 100 pounds in gold as ransom money or the rabbits would be shot. The deadline for delivery of the gold was set for 1 p.m.

At noon the Jews had only 80 pounds in gold. Women had given rings, bracelets and little treasures. Men had parted with watches, chains and rings. But still they were 20 pounds short.

So they went into the synagogues and stripped them of gold plate and precious ornaments, and the rabbi's lives were saved. This story was told us many times on our tour of the island and its picturesque villages.

More than 200 refugees fled to Djibouti from the German-occupied ports of Sfax, Sousse and Gabes in Tunisia. They said the Germans looted the towns and that American bombings had smashed most of the buildings.

"Will the Germans return?" Many asked fearfully. We assured them the Germans would not return to Djibouti. And they cheered and clapped hands.

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Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press
New Orleans — Bobby Ruffin 137, New York, knocked out Bobby McIntyre, 134, Detroit (17).
Elizabeth N. J. — Buddy Farrell 151 3-5, Newark, outpointed Marvin Bryant, 155 1-2, Dallas, Texas (6).

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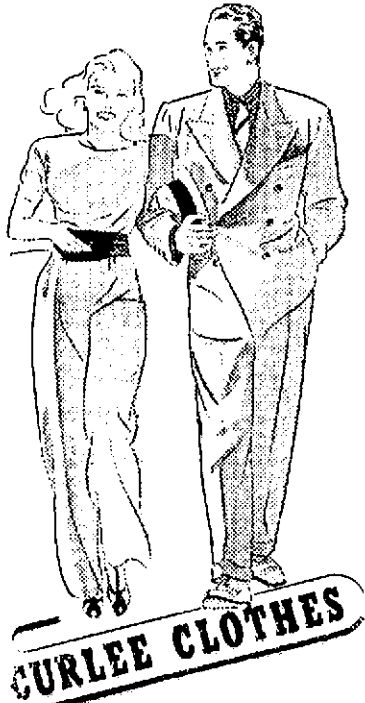
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Meat Control Orders to Halt Black Market

Three new meat control orders as a part of the program to curtail black markets, obtain more meat for war needs and insure fair distribution to all civilians have been issued by the Food Distribution Administration, Chairman Earl N. Martindale of the Hempstead County USDA War Board was advised today by W. K. Dunlap, State FDA representative and a member of the State USDA War Board.

The new orders require: (1) All slaughterers, including farmers and local butchers, to operate under a slaughter permit system. All wholesale cuts must be stamped with the slaughterer's permit number. (2) All livestock dealers to obtain permits to buy and sell. (Both orders become effective midnight, March 11.) (3) Effective immediately all federally inspected meat packers are to set aside for war uses whatever percentages of production are required from time to time by the Food Distribution Administration.

Any farmer, butcher or packer who goes over his quota in the next three weeks under the terms of OPA's meat restriction order will have his quota reduced for later periods.

Under the slaughter permit all persons who slaughter for sale of meat must obtain permits. Farmers who slaughter for home use only do not need permits except when they slaughter for sale. All meat sold must be stamped, and slaughterers must keep records for later government review.

Farmers, local butchers and meat packers in small towns will get slaughter permits from U. S. Department of Agriculture officers, mainly inspection and grading officers of FDA. The State office of FDA at Little Rock, has supervision over such permits.

Permits for dealers will be available at their local County USDA War Boards. Dealers must keep complete records but get no stamp and can sell to anybody. Dealers in the posted markets do not need new permits, but must keep records.

The set-aside order will be flexible so in time of heavy production government takings will be high, while in seasons of lower production government takings will be reduced accordingly.

Meat stamping is designed to sound the death knell of the black market operator. Enforcement of permit provisions will cut off their livestock supplies. FDA officials say.

This will leave competition for live animals between legitimate slaughterers selling meats within price ceilings, who are helping to fill the government's military needs for meat. With every wholesale cut of meat in retail markets stamped with slaughter permit number, illegal meat can be readily spotted.

Servicemen's Ties With Family Kept Intact Through Red Cross



Top: Red Cross field director, in pith helmet, burns the midnight oil as he helps a dejected U. S. soldier unravel a personal problem. Below: Mrs. W. C. Ervin, vice chairman of the home service unit of the Red Cross chapter in York, S. C., typical Red Cross town, helps a four-year mother pack her bags so she can visit her sick son at an Army hospital.

Washington, D. C.—"Hey, Sarge! Hold my gun for a minute while I cable some money to my wife!"

That's what Private Bill, whose last name must remain anonymous in this story, felt like shouting when the American Red Cross flashed news to him "Somewhere in the South Pacific" that he was the father of twins.

But a fellow can't ask his top kick to hold his gun for him, even in the face of such excellent news. He must keep on fighting, even though it's difficult to remember the enemy over the hill, knowing his own family is having a tough battle back home trying to make ends meet.

For a while, Private Bill thought of going "over the hill" and fighting his way back to his base where he could make arrangements to increase the allotment to his wife. However, that was out of the question.

Finally Private Bill did what many another soldier, sailor and marine has done. He went to the Red Cross field director attached to his unit—the man whose job it is to look after the servicemen's needs, to relieve his mind of worries that impair his efficiency as a soldier.

Soon the field director had the wheels turning for a two-way flow of communication with the Red Cross home service worker in Private Bill's home town. Thousands of miles away, the home service worker visited Private Bill's wife to offer financial assistance and medical care until her husband's increased pay allotment arrived. Word was sent back to Private Bill that the Red Cross was providing for his family—that mother and twins are doing fine.

Typical of the service the Red Cross is performing every day is this story of Private Bill. Last year the Red Cross, through its field and home service workers, aided 1,500,000 servicemen and their families. Many more will be helped this year, but the extent of that aid depends on the support given the Red Cross 1943 War Fund for \$125,000,000.

What does that help mean to the serviceman? Well, here's what Private Bill said when he was told what the Red Cross had done for him:

"So that is what the Red Cross dollar does? I never dreamed it could be stretched around the world!"

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Washington — Will Nazi bombs fall on the U. S. A.? German threats of reprisals for the bombing of Berlin have revived that old controversy here in Washington. The fact that these threats specifically mentioned East Coast cities in the United States (Boston, New York and Washington) caused OGD Director James M. Ladd to caution civilians to hop to the business of preparing for any eventualities.

As for the air experts, there are some differences of opinion as to the probability of Nazi air raids, but those differences are a good deal less than a few months ago.

What could Germany gain by bombing the United States? (1). A terrific morale weapon. Pictures of burning American cities carried in the Nazi press would give the German people a feeling that "isolated" America also was catching it. That would answer their demands for reprisals, and convince them that Nazi air power is capable of striking back.

(2). A raid would cause a clamor here to keep more interceptor and fighter planes at home, thus relieving some of our pressure in the air on the British, African and Pacific fronts. It might also force diversion of anti-aircraft weapons from vital theaters of war.

Those are powerful arguments in favor of the probability of long-range Nazi bombings. Furthermore, such long-range bombings, no longer need be classified as "suicide missions," for global war maps show that round trips with heavy bomb loads could be made to the east coast and even to mid-western cities.

On the other hand there are these conjectures: Something is wrong with Nazi air power. No person who has followed day-by-day reports from Russia, North Africa and England can fail to conclude that the balance of air power has been steadily swinging away from the Axis. Material, gasoline, or manpower shortages must exist somewhere.

If those shortages are vital enough to cause the Axis to divert its energies to construction of necessary war-front planes, submarines, or other material, rather than to long-range bombers the U. S. is strong enough to cause a change of war policy now.

In other words, the Nazi threats may be just that, designed to cause us to strengthen our home defenses at the expense of war front shipments.

Conservative air observers think the increasing strain of getting bombers over here is just about offset by the desperation to supply Nazi home morale and stem the tide of our overseas shipments of planes and anti-aircraft guns.

Bulgaria's seaport of Varna was covered by a tidal wave in 540 A.D.

Soldier Plays Safe With Censor

Spindale, N. C. —(P)—Mrs. Bonnie Duncan of Spindale received this letter from her son Bill who is in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

"Dear Mom:

"Can't write a thing—the censor to blame. Just say I'm well, and sign my name. Can't tell where we sailed from, can't mention the date and can't even number the meals that I ate. Can't say where we're going, don't know where we'll land, couldn't inform you if met by a band. Can't mention the weather, can't say if there's rain, all military secrets must remain. Can't have a flashlight to guide me at night, can't smoke cigarettes except out of sight. Can't keep a diary for such a sin, can't keep the envelopes your letters come in. Can't say for sure, darling just what I can write, so I'll call this a letter and close with 'good night.'"

County Milk Price Ceilings Are Announced

Retail ceiling prices for milk have been fixed by the Office of Price Administration at 14½¢ a quart at Hope, an increase of 1½¢ it was announced today by Chairman T. S. McDavitt of the Hempstead County war price and rationing board. Wholesale price at Hope is 12½¢ per quart.

The new price order ties producer prices to retail ceilings, allowing producers to receive \$3.55 per hundred-weight for 4 per cent butterfat content milk at Hope. Distributors also may pay the highest price they paid producers in January.

In the rest of Hempstead County the retail ceiling price is 13¢ a quart retail and 11¢ wholesale. OPA said the adjustment was made to bring the price of fluid milk into proper relation with milk used for manufacture of butter and cheese.

Tailors Sew Up Army Camp

Camp Pickett, Va.—(P)—The William Taylors are well represented at Camp Pickett—so well represented that the camp orderlies are a little daffy.

There's William H. Taylor, of Devils Bluff, Ark., who tips the scales at 323 pounds. Next comes William N. Taylor, of Chicago, Ill., whose weight is 245 pounds. The third is William R. Taylor, of Hopewell, Va., who weighs 237 pounds. They never heard of each other until they arrived at this army camp.

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Red Cross Workers Get Plenty Attention From U. S. Soldiers

(Editor's Note — To find out what the Red Cross is doing in Africa, the Associated Press asked Red Cross worker Rita Hume, of Seattle, Wash., now in North Africa, to describe her impression of Red Cross work since she arrived with one of the first contingents of women workers.)

By RITA Hume
Algiers, March 16 —(Delayed)—(P)—So this is North Africa?

To nine Red Cross girls who piled out of a G.I. truck into the dusty streets of Oran, even in this first glimpse, it was a fantastic place. We were so busy staring at the curiously mixed population that for a moment we did not realize that we were being stared at ourselves.

Then American soldiers rushed up: "Say, are you really an American girl? Boy, oh boy! A gal who can speak English."

"Look, would you mind just talking to us? It's been months since we've talked with a gal from home."

It was like that when we arrived in January and it's been that way ever since.

We came to operate club-mobiles for the Red Cross, to carry canteen supplies, recreation equipment and programs to soldiers at the African front. Nine of us represent all sections of the United States, including Jeanne Luther of Cimarron, Kansas.

We arrived at Oran in time for the opening of three new Red Cross clubs. In addition to the jam-packed information center, once an auto showroom, were the new Empire club, complete with a theatre, lounge rooms and a library, the nurses' club and a recreation center for officers.

After a short time, field supervisors assigned us to Red Cross centers. Jean Luther stayed in Oran and four others, including myself, flew to Algiers.

The six-story Red Cross Club in Algiers is the local point for every American soldier, WAAC, and sailor stationed in or near the city. It also is headquarters for the Red Cross activities along the entire African front.

At the information desk, Kay Parsons, a brunette from Toledo, Ohio, was besieged by soldiers asking questions. The men wanted rides back to their bivouacs or information on theatres, restaurants and locations of army centers throughout town. They came to inquire about sleeping accommodations or to leave messages for friends. The thing that impressed me most was their desire just to talk to an American girl.

You dance with boys who were doing parachute tricks over Tunisia last week. Or with fellows who were living in foxholes day before yesterday. To all of them Red

Cross headquarters is home. It's a frequent sight to see a busload of men each carrying a towel and soap draw up in front of the building. They've come to the only place in town where they can get an American shower.

They usually arrange to stay for a snack-bar meal and well they might. William Kiel of Milwaukee, club director, serves 1,800 men twice a day in the largest snack-bar restaurant on the third floor. Coffee, chocolate, orange juice and American hamburgers are soldier favorites.

As many as 5,000 people visit the building in a single day. The club is strictly devoted to enlisted men and sailors but generals, sheiks famous actresses and such celebrities as Archbishop Spellman have visited the club.

Five new club-mobiles go into action this week at the front, each equipped with doughnut and coffee machines.

More than 200 Red Cross workers now are carrying on the club, field, hospital and civilian relief program over North Africa. Large clubs complete with hotel and recreational facilities are flourishing in more than a dozen cities from Constantine to Casablanca, where four clubs now are open. Scores of small recreation rooms have sprung up at advanced airfields, remote camps and at troop-crowded docks to the rear. The A.R.C. vaudeville "show on wheels," directed by Frank Godel of New York City, brought fun to more than 93,000 men in Algeria and French Morocco.

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English Children Return To London

London.—(P)—Despite recent air raids, children are returning to London in increasing numbers. The number of children in the capital has now reached a wartime record of 226,750 aged five to fourteen, with an additional 48,300 aged three to five.

Fewer than 125,000 London children are now in the country. The London County Council is trying to secure the release of some of its 500 teachers now at country schools to cope with the teaching job in London again.

Tired Kidneys Often Bring Sleepless Nights

Doctors say your kidneys contain 16 miles of tiny tubes or filters which help to purify the blood and keep you healthy. When they get tired and don't work right in the daytime, many people have to get up at night. Frequent or scanty passages with smarting and burning sometimes shows there is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder. Don't neglect this condition and lose valuable, restful sleep.

When disorder of kidney function permits poisonous matter to remain in your blood, it may also cause nagging backache, rheumatic pains, leg pain, loss of pep and energy, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headache and dizziness.

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